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\$30 New Tailored Gowns,

This morning we will offer two of the best styles in Tailored Suits that have been seen or will be seen this season at the price. They're actual \$30 values that for this occasion we can offer for \$22.50.

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One style is a pure worsted in chevron stripes of brown, navy, green and smoke. 36-inch cutaway coat. Directorate front, military collar, sleeves, cuffs, pockets and collar bound with a 2-inch satin fold. Wide fold of satin around the skirt forms a Spanish flounce effect.

The other style is of pure worsted, in fancy stripes of blue, brown and black grounds, with flings of red, blue or brown. 36-inch coat, satin lined. Flared skirt, with a wide bias-cut fold.

ATTACKS WARD SYSTEM, CHARGING PETTY GRAFT

Alderman Ellett Says Street Committee Members Paved Around Their Homes.

DIVERTED WARD FUNDS

Cited One Block Paved Last Year on Which Three Councilmen Owned Property.

By a vote of 7 to 3 the Council Committee on Ordinance, Charter and Reform last night recommended the adoption of an ordinance providing that the committee on streets shall not expend any part of the annual appropriation for streets for the paving of any road until the work has been approved by the Council. In the ordinance, the committee charged that members of the committee had practically agreed to a system of "ward paving" and the methods of the former Street Committee were sharply scored. The ordinance claimed that the committee's approval would prolong delay, but did not attempt to defend either the system in vogue or the committee.

Made Sweeping Charges.

Alderman Ellett led the fight for the adoption of the ordinance, telling of the combine formed by certain members of the last committee to divert the fund for streets, and charging that members of the combine had practically agreed to a system of "ward paving" and the methods of the former Street Committee were sharply scored. The ordinance claimed that the committee's approval would prolong delay, but did not attempt to defend either the system in vogue or the committee.

He also charged that members of the former Street Committee had diverted funds appropriated for the improvement of the streets to the paving of streets in the neighborhood of their homes, or in a section in which they owned property. He told of two blocks where a recently graded street in a new section of the city, on which a large number of new houses were being built, had been paved last year, expending in this way the greater part of the money intended for a large and costly street.

Alderman Mitchell opposed the ordinance on account of the delay imposed, and Alderman Hobson, who was not as hot as in a committee.

How the Vote Stood.

The final vote stood: Alderman Ellett, Hobson, Marks, Monro, Cutchins, Green and Umlauf; Noes—Mitchell, Fuller and Burke.

Business Manager Danney, of the Chamber of Commerce, appeared before the committee asking immediate action on a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee to consult with a similar committee from Manchester on the subject of the possibility of annexation. The resolution was approved unanimously.

An ordinance fixing salaries in the Water Department and regulating the number of clerks and messengers was tabled. The Water Committee, being about to begin a reorganization of that department.

Mr. James E. Phillips, of the Board of Health, appeared in behalf of the ordinance, recommending that the ordinance be referred to a subcommittee consisting of Messrs. Burke, Monro and Cutchins, to be held in session on the 26th inst.

A measure by Mr. Umlauf, providing for a reorganization of the Police Station, was recommended unanimously.

Fixing the salary of Justice Turpin caused an extended debate. Mr. Cutchins appearing as the advocate of the \$2,000 salary, and Alderman Ellett thought the amount fixed by the Legislature sufficient. After long discussion, an ordinance was recommended fixing the salary of the justice at \$2,000 and the bailiff at \$900. Police Justice Crutchfield, who formerly held civil cases in the city, was mentioned in the ordinance, but was not mentioned in the ordinance.

COULDN'T SOLVE IT

Queer Case Before Crutchfield Delayed for

Thomas C. Green, well known in police circles, appeared before Justice Crutchfield yesterday morning in a rather peculiar charge. In the evidence it was brought out that Green was employed by a negro name Norvell, to do some whitewashing at the home of Mrs. F. S. Costello. When the job was about half done Norvell died, but Green kept right on working. When it was concluded he asked for his money, but as Mr. Costello had contracted for the job with Norvell he refused to pay without an order from Norvell's administrators.

A few days later Green returned with the order and was paid. Shortly after that the administrators tried to collect and stated that they had given Green no order for the money.

Justice Crutchfield continued the case until September 28th, when he was asked to look for a man to be charged with obtaining money under false pretenses when the money belongs to him.

SETTLED OUT OF COURT

After All-Day Hearing Jury Is Discharged

In the Law and Equity Court yesterday after an all-day hearing, a non-suit was entered in the case of Ellett v. Covall and Frank Buckley, for robbing George W. Ellett of unlawful detainment of certain lands formerly the property of the William R. Trice Company, Prince of Wales, of that county, and taken to Hampton.

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MAYOR TO FIGHT FOR SAFE SCHOOLS

Takes Up Inspector Beck's Report on Condition of All Buildings in City.

MAY URGE COUNCIL TO ACT

Gives Careful Study to Changes Already Made Before Proceeding.

Mayor Richardson took up yesterday the reports of Building Inspector Beck made last March to the former Mayor in regard to the fire protection of the public schools, going carefully over the reports on each school building, and listing the recommendations and improvements suggested. He will ask for a conference with the city School Board to ascertain which of the improvements recommended have already been inaugurated, and which are now urgent, after which he will send a special message to the City Council on the subject, giving the result of his investigation.

At the request of the former Mayor, following a public school fire in Ohio, Inspector Beck made a careful examination of both the white and colored school buildings, copies of his reports being forwarded by the Mayor to the City School Board.

Council Ignored Appeal.

Preliminary estimates were made by the Building Committee, and late in the spring a request was sent to Council for an appropriation of \$14,000 for repairs to present buildings, including fire escapes and interior alterations, and \$200,000 was asked for four new school buildings, two to replace buildings condemned outright by the inspector and for two new school buildings in the recently vacated territory. The whole matter went to the Finance Committee and died with the old Council.

Meanwhile the building committee of the School Board, out of the small annual contingent fund at its disposal, has effected repairs to the minor changes, removing obstructions at windows, and putting wire nettings on hinges, opening up the school buildings and improving such fire escapes as already existed.

Mayor Richardson said yesterday that as far as his own observation had gone, he was inclined to agree with the Building Inspector, taking as an example the case of the old school building, which the inspector says is "very dilapidated and wholly unsuited to school purposes, and with surroundings dangerous at almost every turn." The building, says the inspector, "has never been, and is not now, and never will be a proper school building, and I recommend its discontinuance at once. In this conclusion the chief of the Fire Department fully concurs."

Always Patching It Up.

The Mayor said that he remembered some time ago when the school building was occupied as a school by the Lancasterian Brothers, and was dilapidated in every way, since the city has been attempting to patch it up into a school building, he said.

As far as the school building is concerned, the better grade of brick school buildings in the upper part of the city were built between 1870 and 1875. Since that time, the school buildings have been in a state of decay, and the city has been attempting to patch it up into a school building, he said.

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GREAT SEAL OF C. S. A. DESCRIBED

Information Given Concerning What Washington Records Show.

DESIGNED BY LOUISIANA

Various Other Seals Adopted by Confederate Government for Individual Departments.

Recently there has been much discussion through various newspapers concerning the origin and adoption of the Great Seal of the Confederate States of America. Mr. J. O. Hanks, chief clerk to the Secretary of the Commonwealth, has interested himself in the matter, and has received the following letter from the administrative assistant to the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, which fully explains itself.

Replying to your letter of September 30, I beg to say that your inquiry has been referred to the Division of History, and Mr. T. T. Belote, makes report upon your inquiry as follows:

The Great Seal of the Confederate States of America was adopted by the Confederate Congress April 30, 1863. The seal was designed by Thomas J. Semmes, of Louisiana, and the device represented a cotton plant growing from a wreath of olive and oak branches. The seal was adopted by the Confederate Congress April 30, 1863.

In addition to the seal described above, various seals were adopted by the Confederate government for its individual departments. The seal of the Confederate Treasury Department was a shield with a cotton plant growing from a wreath of olive and oak branches. The seal of the Confederate War Department was a shield with a cotton plant growing from a wreath of olive and oak branches.

For information concerning the adoption of the various shields by the Confederate Congress, your correspondent should consult the Journal of the Confederate Congress and the statutes passed by that body. There is no further material in the National Archives for the study of the Confederate seals, the three copies which I have already mentioned.

BOARD APPROVES PLAN

Board Issue Petition for Highland Park Schooling

At the meeting of the Highland Park School Board yesterday, the board approved a plan for the construction of a new school building in the Highland Park district.

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ALLEGED MURDERER TO BE TRIED ON SEPTEMBER 29TH

Joseph Meekins (colored), who has been held by the city authorities for some time as a suspicious character, was discharged yesterday by the city authorities.

The case against William Banks, who is charged with the murder of Tyler, was continued until September 29th.

Chancery Qualifications.

In the Chancery Court yesterday Robert E. Perkins qualified as administrator of the estate of John F. Perkins.

Miss Emmella Gaines and Andrew M. Gaines qualified as administrators of the estate of George B. Gaines.

Not a Cocaine Dealer.

Violet Thomas (colored), charged with selling cocaine, was released yesterday by the police.

Want Swift in Ohio.

Governor Swann has honored a requisition for Leslie Swift, who is wanted in Ohio for the purpose of being a witness in a trial.

Building Permits.

Building and repair permits issued yesterday were as follows:

Woodward & Son, to erect an open frame shed for lumber storage on the west side of the city.

J. D. and E. G. Briggs, to erect a double garage on the east side of the city.

Estate of S. S. Winder, to erect a flat sign at No. 214 East Broad Street.

Richmond Men Arrested.

Chester Wilkes and Roy Union were yesterday arrested at Charlotteville, charged with entering the home of G. W. Rence and stealing \$60 from him.

SHOWS DECREASE IN NET INCOME

Chesapeake and Ohio Railway's Passenger Receipts Greater Than in Preceding Year.

HELPED BY EXPOSITION

Loss Due to Business Depression. Which Cut Down Revenue from Freight.

According to the thirtieth annual report of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway Company, made public yesterday, receipts from passenger traffic made a small increase, while freight receipts show an even greater decrease, the total of all operating revenues of the road making a net income of \$46,412.97. The general account shows a net income for the year of \$2,784,386.51, as against \$3,392,990.14 in the preceding year, a decrease of \$608,603.63.

The report covers the year ending June 30th. Officials of the road account for the increase in passenger revenue in the face of the 2 cent fare by the heavy travel to the Jamestown Exposition, in which the Chesapeake and Ohio was engaged for five of the months included in this report, the first three of which covered the cream of the exposition business.

The report shows a total of 1,415 miles in operation, of which 280 miles are double tracked. In addition, the company operates 1,337.5 miles of leased and partly owned tracks, making a total of all tracks of 2,752.5 miles, an increase of 44.9 miles over the previous year.

Decrease in Freight Traffic.

Freight traffic receipts for the year show a total of \$19,571,609.11, a decrease of \$403,351.09, or just about 2 per cent. In coal and coke the principal freight business of the road, \$56,273,109.11, an increase of 47,681, or 4.6 per cent. Other kinds of freight decreased during the year \$32,715 tons, the total number of tons carried being 16,540,333, a net decrease of 326,032, or 1.9 per cent.

Passenger traffic for the year made a better showing, the total passenger revenue being \$1,120,528.63, an increase of \$23,339.46, or 4.5 per cent. The number of passengers carried was 6,150,108, an increase of 850,745, or 15.9 per cent.

Due to the decrease in fare in two of the States through which the road operates, the average revenue from each passenger fell off 15 cents, the average for the year being 22 cents, the greater number carried, however, the passenger revenue per mile of road traveled, \$1,120,528.63, an increase of \$107,535, or 4 per cent.

Reports of equipment show 457 locomotives, 340 passenger cars and 8,043 freight cars owned by the road. There were 17,205 freight cars leased.

What President Says.

In his general remarks, President George W. Stevens sums up the financial condition of the road as follows:

All sources of income for the year, including an equipment trust obligation, was \$2,784,386.51. Deductions were \$3,392,990.14, leaving a net income of \$608,603.63.

The business depression during the latter half, however, caused a loss of substantially the entire gain in gross revenue as above mentioned, and a total loss in net revenue of \$490,023.35, it being impracticable to proportionally reduce the expenses without causing a deterioration in the physical condition of the property.

Operating expenses for the year increased 3.9 per cent, while conducting transportation and general expenses decreased 2.6 per cent.

The report shows that during the year there were 8,954 tons of new and 2,506 tons of reloaded stock cars, and 1,111 tons of reloaded box cars, making a total of 12,570 tons of new and reloaded stock cars, and 1,111 tons of reloaded box cars.

During the year 125,776 yards of material were put down. Repairs were made to 615 locomotives, 225 passenger cars and 56,180 freight cars.

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Custom Clothes Ready for Service.

Whilst our stock is ready for delivery—the usual term of ready-made does not apply to our production. Every garment that we offer is custom-made in its broadest sense—made to your special order for you—watched critically from the time that the piece goods are received from the mills until the completion of the garment.

The very closest scrutiny is continually given every detail, with the result that we offer you every advantage that the highest class tailor can give you, saving you many dollars and the usual tedious waits and annoyances.

Gans-Rady Company.

A LITTLE CHILD LED THEM BACK TO PEACE AND HOME

Trial Judge Placed Its Hand on Father's Cheek, Then Had Wife Weeping on Husband's Shoulders After She Had Failed to Send Him to Jail for Cruel Treatment—Cheers for Peacemaker.

Like the Good Samaritan of old, Squire George W. Thomas acted the part of comforter to the distressed yesterday, and succeeded in bringing about a peaceful reconciliation between Steve Ambritz, a German farmer of Henrico county, and his wife, Annie. On Thursday Mrs. Ambritz went before Judge Thomas and swore out a warrant for her husband, charging him with treating her in a most brutal manner. Yesterday the case was tried, and although the evidence showed that the wife's complaint was somewhat exaggerated, the magistrate felt constrained to find the woman had been mistreated by her husband, and fined Ambritz \$10, requiring in addition a \$200 bond for his good behavior.

Ambritz paid his fine and gave the bond. The wife, who had wept throughout the trial, was still weeping, and in spite of the importunities of half a dozen friends of the family, she huddled around her, all speaking in a language which the court did not understand, her determination not to live again with her husband was unshaken.

All sorts of promises were offered, she was begged and prayed with; in fact, every thinkable measure was resorted to and every reasonable inducement proposed, but the woman's will was adamant.

Finally Squire Thomas volunteered his services, and in less than ten minutes the broken romance was all mended, and the husband and wife, on their way back to their little cabin in Henrico.

The spectators looked on with amazement while the good Samaritan worked out his delicate undertaking